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Mary Phagan Case to Be Example for Cops School of Detection

Taking the Mary Phagan case as an example, Chief of Police Beavers is going to instruct his men just what to do from first to last in working on similar cases. He will give specific instructions about the preliminary steps in detection.

The chief's firmest orders will be for the officers first to disturb the body as little as possible. He wants few footprints around the corpse. Also he will tell his men not to touch the body or clothing any more than possible. This is liable to obliterate finger prints. The value of this evidence, said the chief Saturday, is inestimable in modern police work.

Until a finger print system is installed in the local department government experts will be called upon in future cases.

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NEW COURT HOUSE TO BE

RUSHED TO COMPLETION

The basement and the first floor of the new Fulton county court house will be ready for occupancy by the first of January, 1914, according to Chairman Shelby Smith, of the Fulton county board of commissioners.

The offices of the clerk of courts, the sheriff, the tax collector and the tax receiver will be the first to move into the new structure, but it is expected to be the fall of next year before the entire building is ready for occupancy.

Rush orders have been given all contractors, according to Mr. Smith, and every effort will be made to hurry the completion of the building.

It had been hoped that the building would be ready for occupancy when the new municipal court starts work on January 1, but this will be impossible, and it is probable that the five justices of the municipal court for a time at least will occupy the court rooms now used by justices of the peace.

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POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING

DETECTIVE BLACK'S FLIGHT

Following a lengthy conference with Detective John Black, Chief of Police Beavers was later closeted with Chief of Detectives Lanford. Instructions were given the latter to make a thorough investigation of the alleged fight of Black in a room of the Exchange hotel in Birmingham, Ala., and make a report in writing direct to the police chief.

In the interim, it is learned, Black will continue to serve on the local detective force.
